

**Resolution Copper Project and Land Exchange
Environmental Impact Statement**

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Process Memorandum to File

History of Revisions to General Plan of Operations

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Purpose of Process Memorandum

The purpose of this process memorandum is to provide a history of the revisions made to the General Plan of Operations (GPO) submitted by Resolution Copper Mining, LLC (Resolution Copper) for consideration by the Tonto National Forest.

History of Revisions to GPO

- The initial version of the GPO was submitted to the Tonto National Forest by Resolution Copper on November 15, 2013 (Project Record #0000142). This version of the GPO later became identified as the “Initial Submittal.”
- The Tonto National Forest acknowledged receipt of the GPO on December 19, 2013, and indicated the initiation of the internal plan completeness review (Project Record #0000553).
- Detailed comments were provided back to Resolution Copper on June 27, 2014, with detailed responses and additional information provided to the Tonto National Forest by Resolution Copper in a series of data submittals (see Project Records #0000558, #0000660, #0000661).
- A revised version of the GPO incorporating responses to the June 27, 2014, comments was submitted to the Tonto National Forest by Resolution Copper on September 23, 2014 (Project Record #0000774). This version of the GPO later became identified as “Revision 1.”
- On December 5, 2014, the Forest Supervisor notified Resolution Copper that the plan completeness review was finished, and that the plan was considered complete (Project Record #0000464).
- A revised version of the GPO was submitted to the Tonto National Forest by Resolution Copper on January 12, 2016 (Project Record #0000144). This version of the GPO contained changes to incorporate the provisions of the land exchange authorized in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, as well as other corrections and additions. This version of the GPO later became identified as “Revision 2.”
- On May 9, 2016, a final version of the GPO was submitted to the Tonto National Forest by Resolution Copper, with minor corrections to an appendix (Project Record #0000802). The decision was made by the Tonto National Forest to consider this the final version of the GPO with a date of May 9, 2016, remove any revision dates, and instead add a version tracking table to the document. The intent of these decisions was to make clear to the public during the public scoping period and the subsequent preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS) that this was the sole version of the GPO under consideration during preparation of the EIS, and to clearly disclose the changes that had been made to the project document.